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WHEAT MAKES A SMALL GAIN

CLOSES FIRM AT 1-4e to 3-8e AD VANCE, AFTER A DULL DAY.

Crop Damage Reports and Good Cash Demand the Sustaining Features -Corn, Oats and Provisions Were Lifeless.

Chicago, Feb. 27 .- Wheat, notwithstanding the exceptional duliness of trading, amage reports and a good cash demand were features of the closing strength. Corn, oats and provisions were almost life-

Wheat opened at a little improvemen over yesterday's closing figures, May, 74%, an advance of %c. There was con-iderable bull news on hand at the openng. Liverpool was 1/d higher and consols a shade lower, although they were previously so high that the decline was not regarded seriously. The cold wave fulfilled in its bitterness all the predictions of the weather bureau and domestic receipts were light, Chicago inspection showing only ten carloads, compared with ninety-three a year ago, and Minneapolis and Duluth 220 cars, against 201 the week before, and 450 the corresponding day of last year. The week's clearances of wheat and flour from both coasts were the smallest from the crop, the total being only 1,32,216 bushels, against 2,120,000 bushels the week before. The Argentine shipments to Europe were only 160,000 bushels, compared with 1,22,600 bushels, compared with 1,22,600 bushels of the corresponding week of 1896. In addition, crop damage reports from the Southwest were persistently circulated and St. Louis, as was the case yesterday, sent a good many huying orders on the strength of them. The price slowly rose to 74½c, and then the inevitable sag came. Business was extremely dull, duller in fact than at any previous time

orders on the strength of them. The price lowly rose to 74½c, and then the inevitable ag came. Business was extremely dull, fuller in fact than at any previous time suring the present dull season. The price of wheat usually declines when trading is light, and to-day's market was no exception to the rule, the price slowly reacted from 74½c to 73½cff/c. Then it commenced to rise again, helped by a good cash demand. People from various districts were here to-day buying spring wheat for seed because their winter wheat was dead. The erders for spring seed came from twenty-four or twenty-five scattered localities in this state. Owing to the persistency of the claims of widespread samage to wheat, July was much more in demand than May, Near the close of the session, rumors of increasing complications growing out of the Greco-Cretan troubles were added to the other matters already referred to, and the market closed strong at nearly the subsels, the smallest like total since the market closed strong at nearly the subsels, the smallest like total since the subsels on the corresponding time a year ago, 96,721,000 bushels two years ago and 121,030 bushels bushels two years ago.

The Argentine Stipments of wheat the United States and Montreal in the thirty-ty-our weeks since July 1 amount to 112,-1300 bushels, against 83,3c2,000 bushels in the corresponding time a year ago, 96,721,000 bushels two years ago.

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orn was very dull. The price almost d still, fluctuations being confined to a margin. Clearances were large again, 000. May opened unchanged at 23740 sold to 23441234c, and closed steady at computer price.

21c, sold to 2342234c, and closed steady at the opening price.

Cats held about steady, with fluctuations confined to a narrow runge. Duliness was the only feature of the early market, and, for want of any means of support, prices were inclined to sag. Shortly before the close, the covering of a fair-shed short line, and the late strength of wheat, created a better feeling and put the market on its feet again. May opened a shade lower at 14%c, sold to 154,615%c, recovered to 15c, and closed at 154,616%c.

There was very little doing in provisions, but notwithstanding the smallness of the transactions, the feeling was firm, except immediately at the opening. Short sellers did not appear inclined to attack the market, and packers were not offering much. At the close, May pork was unchanged at \$4.074,619. May lard 2½c lower at \$4.074, and May ribs a shade higher at \$4.1744, \$4.20.

Estimated receipts Monday: Wheat, 16 cars; corn, 200 cars; oats, 250 cars; hogs,

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LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Steady and in Fair Demand-

Corn and Oats Weak.

BRAN—Fairly active and firm. Sacked, 19690; bulk. 39642c per cwt. FLAXSEED—Fairly active and firm. Cash, 67680c per bushel, upon the basis of

Yesterday's Chicago Markets. Furnished by the French Bros. Commis-sion Company, room 2, Board of Trad-building:

Open. High. Low. Close. 731/4 3 741/2 72% Feb May July 7414 May .. July .. Sept .. 73% 25 26% 23% 25 26% 15% 17 18 15% 17 17% 151/2 165/8 179/4 15% 16% 17% 8 07½ 8 10 8 07½ 8 10 8 10 8 20 8 20 8 20 8 20 8 20 8 20 2 9714 4 00 4 6774 4 10 4 6774 4 6774 4 10 11 1714 4 20 4 1714 4 1715 41715

Chicago car lots—Winter wheat, 2 cars; contract, 1 car. Spring wheat, 8 cars; contract, 1 car. Spring wheat, 8 cars; contract, 4 cars. Corn, 269 cars; contract, 15 cars. Oats, 181 cars; contract, 18 cars. Estimated for Monday—Wheat, 16 cars; corn, 341 cars; oats, 250 cars; hogs, next week, 175,000; Monday, 45,000.

WHEAT—Cash—No. 2 red, 84@85c; No. 3 red, 78@82c; No. 2 hard, 78@89c; No. 3 hard, 72@76c. CORN-Cash-No. 2 mixed, 2214c; No. 2 white. 2214c white, 22½c.
OATS—Carh—No. 2 mixed, 18c; No. 2 white, 17½62lc.

Grain Notes.

Minneapolis received yesterday 154 cars of wheat, against 371 cars a year ago, and Duluth received 76 cars, against 119 cars last year.

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The four Atlantic ports cleared for export yesterday 129,600 bushels of wheat, 41,500 packages of flour, 680,000 bushels of corn and 96,600 bushels of costs. Wheat and flour clearances amount to 229,000 bushels.

The temperature was around zero yesterday morning in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. It ranges form 8 to 14 above zero in Missouri, 14 to 23 above in Kansas, 6 to 18 in Nebraska. Much warmer weather is predicted for Monday.

A Minneapolis message says that the weather permitting, receipts of wheat will considerably increase. Country elevator stocks are estimated at 11,500,000 bushels is expected in Minneapolis and Duluth stocks.

Exports of Indian corn amount to 4,744,600 bushels the past week, compared with 5,41,000 the week previous, 3,568,000 in the like week last year, 847,000 in the week two years ago, 1,231,00 three years ago, and as contrasted with 1,075,000 bushels in the like week of 1853.

week of 1853.

A message received by W. W. Cower from Burkett, Ind., says: Present appearances of growing wheat in Northern Indiana indicate an almost total failure of the crop. Residence for twelve years in the wheat belt of this state places us in a position to judge intelligently of the future by present outlook. by present outlook.

The exports of wheat and flour from the United States and Montreal in the thirty-four weeks since July 1 amount to 112,-143,000 bushels, against 88,382,000 bushels in the corresponding time a year ago, 96,721,000 bushels two years ago and 121,038,000 bushels three years ago.

en off sharply, the total amounting to 1.372,-216 bushels, the smallest like total since the last week in April, 1896, compared with 2,120,000 bushels the week previous, 2,265,000 bushels in the last week of February, 1896, 2,886,000 bushels in the corresponding week

1894, and as contrasted with 3,251,000 in a similar period of 1893. Car lot receipts of grain in Kansas City:

Car lot receipts of grain in Kansas City:
Wheat Corn.Oats.Rye.Flax.Hay.
Past week 129 525 71
Prev. week 128 770 84 4 - 165
2 weeks ago.114 1090 75 6 3 225
3 years ago.185 713 169 3 6 477
2 years ago.25 183 51 1 - 159
3 years ago.27 183 51 1 - 159
4 years ago.27 404 48 - 2 112
4 years ago.703 313 123 10 1 132
5 years ago.503 479 97 30 1 94
Car lot receipts of wheat

Tot. 2404 4780 4617 5175 2450 4317 3700 3821

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LIVE STOCK BY TELEGRAPH.

St. Louis, Feb. 77.—CATTLE—Receipts, 300. Market steady. Native beeves, \$3.500 50. Market steady. Native beeves, \$5.593 4.30. HOGS—Receipts, 2,000. Market strong. Top, \$1.70; bulk, \$5.503.55. CATTLE—Re-South Omaha, Feb. 27.—CATTLE—Re-ceipts, 900. Market steady. Beeves, \$3.400 4.40; stockers and feeders, \$5.0034.15; cows, \$1.7562.40. 4.6. stockers and feeders, \$3.00g4.15; cows, \$1.752.40.
HOGS-Receipts, 5,500. prices a shade higher. Top. \$1.524; bulk, \$2.40g3.50.
SHEEP-Receipts, 1,300. Market steady. Chicago. Feb. 77.—CATTLE-Receipts, 300. There was the usual small Saturday supply in the pens to-day. There were sufficient, however, to satisfy a very light demand, buyers being few and far between. Prices were substantially unchanged from yesterday's quotations.
HOGS-Receipts, 25.000. Sales to-day were at a range of \$3.00g3.75, which are the highest prices paid in a long time, the bulk of the sales being at \$3.50g3.65. The quality of the offerings, as a rule, was good. quality of the offerings, as a rule, was good.

SHEEP-Receipts, 2,000. There was an active demand for sheep, and prices were strong. Sheep sold in a few instances as low as \$2.2562.50, and as high as \$4.1564.25. For fancy natives. Westerns sold at \$2.564.00. The bulk of the native and Western fed sheep went for \$2.7564.10. Lambs sold at \$2.5662.75 for the poorest to \$5.1062.25 for an occasional prime lot, the bulk going for \$4.2564.75.

Fortune Teller's Case Put Over. The case of Mrs. Jane Carey, the fortune teller, for doing business without a license, was continued yesterday, in police court until Monday.

MONEY, STOCKS AND BONDS.

THE BULLS IN CONTROL-TRADI ACTIVE AND VALUES STRONG.

Marked Improvement Both in Lon don and New York-Shorts Covering and the Closing Prices the Best.

Yesterday was another quiet day in the local money market. It closed the week dull and weak, and a dull month at the discount boards; but, while loans were light, a very fair counter business was done, and the clearings keep up very well. Rates unchanged, still 768 per cent. Shipments of currency to the country light. Bank clearings, \$1,622,606, aginst \$1,575,078 a year ago, an increase of \$47,528, a gain of 3 per cent. For the week, \$8,785,711, against \$8,524,151 a year ago, a decrease of \$138,450, a loss of 1 per cent. For the month of February, \$29,333,886, against \$35,963,853 a year ago, a decrease of \$17,967, a loss of 1 per cent.

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I per cent.

Eastern exchange quiet but steady.

Houston, Fible & Co., exchange brokers,
quote it as follows: New York, 55c discount; Chicago, 49c discount; St. Louis, 49c gold reserve yesterday was \$148,

582,565.

The New York bank statement Saturday showed a decrease in loans of \$1,137,390, but an increase in deposits of \$1,098,790; in specie of \$1,123,900, in legal tenders of \$1,005,600, and in the surplus reserve of \$1,855,625, making it now \$67,520,935 above the 25 per cent rule.

The exports of specie from New York last week were: Gold, \$183,485; silver, \$888,-160. The imports were: Gold, \$191,046; silver, \$65,621.

New York, Feb. 27.-Money on call easy New York, Feb. 27.—Money on call easy at 1½01% per cent; prime mercantile paper, % per cent; sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers' bills at 44.8.64.87% for demand and 34.8564.85% for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.85\cdot 4.85 and \$4.8764.88; commercial bills, \$4.84%. London, Feb. 27.—Money 2½63 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, \$1.3-166 The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 1 13-16@ 2 per cent.

New York, Feb. 27.—Clearings, \$33,439,485; balances, \$5,317,237.

Boston, Feb. 27.—Clearings, \$14,799,477; balances, \$1,609,276.

Baltimore, Feb. 27.—Clearings, \$2,204,550; balances, \$557,248.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—Clearings, \$3,041,-497; balances, \$1,301,730.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 27.—Money, 3@6 per cent. New York exchange, 25@50c discount. Clearings, \$1,379,900.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Clearings, \$11,834,469; New York exchange, 55c discount. Foreign exchange steady; demand, \$4,57%; sixty days, \$4,85.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 27.—Clearings, \$3,911,163; balances, \$716,733. Money, 5@7 per cent. New York exchange, 50c discount bid; 25c discount asked.

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—Clearings, \$1,613,-677.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 27.—Clearings, \$234,-725: balances, \$67,738. New York exchange selling at \$1.00 premium. Silver. New York, Feb. 27.-Bar silver, 64%c, and Mexican dollars, 50%c. London, Feb. 27.—Bar silver, 29 11-16d per

Government Bonds

State and Railroad Bonds.

New York, Feb. 27.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange were: Alahama, class A. 104: Alabama, class B. 194½; Alabama, class C. 38: Alabama currency, St. Louisiana new consols, 4s, 9s; Missouri 6s, 100: North Carolina 6s, 122; North Carolina 4s, 102; South Carolina non-fund, ½; Tennessee new settlement 3s, 13; Tennessee old 6s, 90: Virginia centuries, 52½; Virginia deferred, 6; Atchison 4s, 82%; Atchison 2d A, 47½; Canada Southern 2ds, 107; Central Pacific 1sts of 35, 102½; Denver & Rio Grande 4s, 83½; Erie 2ds, 565; G. H. & S. A. 7s, 96; Houston & Texas Central 5s, 103½; Missouri 2ds, 65%; G. H. & B. A. 68, 100; G., H. & c. A. 78, 86; Houston & Texas Central 58, 104; Missourl, Houston & Texas Central 68, 104; Missourl, Kansas & Texas 2d 48, 59%; Mutual Union 68, 119; New Jersey Central general 58, 119; Northern Pacific 1sts, 115%; Northern Pacific 2ds, 16%; Northwestern consols, 140%; Northwestern 8. F. debentures, 58, 111%; Northwestern 8. F. debentures, 58, 111%; Rio Grande Western 1sts, 73%; St. Paul consols, 78, 133; St. Paul, C. & P. W. 58, 113%; St. L. & E. M. general 58, 73%; St. L. & S. F. general 68, 111%; Texas Pacific 1sts, 88%; Texas Pacific 2ds, 24%; Union Pacific 1sts of 78, 104%; West Shore 48, 107.

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, Feb. 27.—The London and New York stock markets to-day and yesterday have shown results like a chemical action and reaction. The strong upward movement which characterized the later dealings here was reflected in the London price of American securities to-day, and the London market again gave the tone to the opening dealings here. Yesterday's strength was continued in to-day's market, and the bears found themselves unable to cope with the situation. There was, indeed, a notable absence of effort to stem the course of prices, and the shorts were content to get in under cover in face of the bullish temper of, the market. With the exception of a slight reduction shortly before the close, due to profit-taking over Sunday, the market held firm, with a marked upward tendency, throughout the day. The market cicsed active and strong, with prices at about the best. To-day's closing prices were also the best of the week, and are higher than the average range of last Saturday, the losses which have occurred during the week being in almost all cases recovered.

The bond market during the week developed decided strength on purchases of foreign and domestic account, considerable blocks of the standard issues changed hands at marked improvements, and the market was broader than for some time. Stocks and Bonds.

The following was the range of prices yesterday, as furnished by the C. S. Lee Commission Company, 200 New York Life building:

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH., New York, Feb. 27.-BUTTER-Receipts,

New York, Feb. 27.—BUTTER—Receipts, 3.64 packages; steady; Western creamery, 12619c; Eligins, 19c; factory, 7612/cc. CHEESE—Receipts, 10.404 packages; quiet; state, large, 2612/4c; state, small, 2612/4c; state, small, 2612/4c; batte, state, small, 2612/4c; batte, state, small, 2612/4c; state, small, 2612/4c; cut skims, 263/4c; full skims, 263/4c. EGGS—Receipts, 4.004 packages; weak; Western, 15%c.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Ff.OUR—Receipts, 7.90 barrels, and shipments, 5,300 barrels, Market hardly so firm. Winter patents, \$4.306, 4.50; straights, \$4.0064.30; spring pateents, \$4.0064.51; straights, \$4.0064.30; spring pateents, \$4.0064.51; straights, \$4.0064.30; spring pateents, \$4.0064.51; straights, \$4.0064.70; bakers grades, \$2.0063.40, BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 14438c; dairy, 2616c; EGGS—Lower straights, \$1.4023.70; bakers 63.40. BUTTER-Firm; cream-dairy, 9616c. EGGS-Lower;

standard mess, jobbing, \$7,9098.35. LARD— Easy: prime steam, \$2.90; choice, \$3.97%, BACON—Boxed shoulders, \$4.82%; extra short clear, \$4.57; ribs, \$5.0); shorts, \$5.12%. DRY SALT MEATS—Boxed shoulders, \$4.37%; extra short clear, \$4.37%; ribs, \$4.60; shorts, \$4.75.

34.37½; extra short clear, 34.37½; ribs, 34.66; shorts, 34.75.

Liverpool, Feb. 27.—WHEAT—Spot quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red, spring, 6s 2½d, frutures closed steady, with near positions 3½d higher and distant positions 3½d lower. March, 6s 1¾d; May, 6s 3½d. CORN—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 2s 6d. Futures closed steady, with near and distant positions unchanged to 4½d lower. March, 2s 5¾d; April, 2s 6¾d; May, 2s 7¾d, FLOUR—Steady; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d. BACON—Firm; demand fair; Cumberland cut, 2s to 29 pounds, 27s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 pounds, 25s 6d; long clear, light, 35 to 38 pounds, 24s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 pounds, 24s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 pounds, 25s 6d. SHOULDERS—Square, 12 to 18 pounds, 25s 6d. HAMS—Short cut, 14 to 16 pounds, 25s 6d. TALLOW—Fine North American, 18s. BEEF—Extra India mess, 58s 9d; prime mess, 45s 9d. PORK—Prime mess, fine Western, 45s; medium Western, 49s; LARD—Steady; prime Western, 21s; refined in pails, 22s 9d.

Coffee and Sugar.

Coffee and Sugar.

New York, Feb. 2.—COFFEE—Options closed steady, unchanged to 5 points lower, in sympathy with easier European markets. The market improved later on more favorable cable news and closed steady, 5 points lower to 5 points higher. Sales, 5,750 bags, including March, 2,0529,10c. Spot coffee—Rio, quiet and steady; No. 7, invoice, 9%c; jobbing, 10%c. Mild, dull; Cordova, 154,615%c. SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 2 13-1602%c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3%c. Refined, quiet; standard A, 4%c; confectioners' A, 4%c; cut loaf, 5c; powdered, 4%c; granulated, 4%c.

New Orleans, Feb. 2.—COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to low fair, 12%614%c. SUGAR—Open kettle, 202 15-16c; centrifugal, quiet; granulated, 3%dec; white, 3%63%c; yellow, 3 5-1863%c; seconds, 2463%c. MOLASSES—Open kettle, none in first hands; centrifugal, quiet, 569c; syrup, none in first hands; others unchanged.

Rye and Seeds.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Rye—Cash, 32½c; May, 33½c; Flaxseed—Cash, 75c; May, 7677½c; Timothy seed—Prime, 2.6962.65; St. Louis, Feb. 27.—Rye—32c, track. Flaxseed—74½c; Timothy seed—Prime, 2.6962.65; Toledo, Feb. 27.—Rye—Quiet, No. 2, cash, 36c; Clover seed—Active and steady; prime cash and March, 34.76.

Lend and Zinc. New York, Feb. 27.—Lead—Strong; brokers' price, \$3.05; exchange price, \$3.324,6; 3.374, Spelter—Quiet; domestic, \$4.004,10. St. Louis, Feb. 27.—Lead—Firm; quoted at \$3.1063,15. Spelter—Quiet; quoted at \$3.824, Cotton.

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—COTTON—Futures very steady; sales, 32,100 bales, March, 7.00 @7.02c; April, 7.01@7.03c; May, 7.07@7.08c; June, 7.12@7.14c; July, 7.15@7.16c.

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Stories Which Some Army Officers Tell About the Northwest.

rom the Washington Star.
"No, I didn't," protested the lieutenan at the Army and Navy Club.
"Didn't what?" inquired the captain, coming in with a frosty sheen on his rich,

dark whiskers.
"Why, these fellows here say I said the cold was so intense out in the Northwest one winter that I say the candle flames freeze stiff and the farmers sold them for

freeze stiff and the farmers sold them for strawberries."
"Didn't you say it?" inquired the captain, kindly.
"No, sir. I did not."
"Then I'll say it for you, sir. It happened when I was out there three years ago. That same winter one of my men was frozen to death in a peculiar manner. I was going to send him ten miles to the railroad station and the day being sharper than usual I gave him a big drink of some whisky I had in my tent. He took a tremendous long drain and started away. A half hour later I remembered it was St. Louis whisky and at once feared the worst

than usual I gave him a big drink of some whisky I had in my tent. He took'a tremendous long drain anji spatted away. A half hour later I remembered it was St. Louis whisky and at once feared the worst and sent our surgeon after him. But, alas, it was too late. A postmortem examination showed that the whisky was frozen solid, thus causing death.

"How sad." sighed a retired colonel, who had had years of experience in the Northwest, wiping his eyes. "I almost had an even more dire disaster than that happen to my whole force upon one occasion. I was a lieutenant at the time, and was out with ten men on a scouting expedition in January. We were on the way back and had reached a point not far from the post where some planks had been piled up with which to build a shack as soon as spring opened. We were not more than twenty miles from the post and went into camp, so as to get a good start early in the morning and reach home before dark. We used the planks for extra shelter, because it was bitter cold and getting colder every minute, with indications of a blizzard. At the first streak of day the wind was blowing a gale and by the time it was light there was a hurricane and the boards were flying every which way. Tents couldn't stand it at all and had gone long ago, and it looked very much as if the whole squad would be frozen right there. If we could have built a hut of the boards we might stand it at all and had gone long ago, and it looked very much as if the whole squad would be frozen right there. If we could have built a hut of the boards we might stand it at all and had gone long ago, and it looked very much as if the whole squad would be frozen right there. If we could have built a hut of the boards we might stand it at all and had gone long ago, and it looked very much as if the whole squad would be frozen right there. If we could have built a hut of the boards we might stand it at all and had gone long ago, and it looked very much as if the whole squad would be frozen right there. If we could have built a hu

Will Bathe in Milk.

Since a professional beauty was recently sued by a New York dairyman for the cost of some three hundred quarts of milk which she had ordered for bathing purposes, American society has become convinced that the milk bath is a great beautifier, and now a philanthropist has come forward with a plan to establish a place where this luxury can be obtained by anyone who has the price to pay for it.

He is a wealthy man, and is going to realize his plan on an elaborate scale. On the first floor of the building he has secured in New York, the spartments for gentlemen will be placed. Just off from the entrance will be a smoking room, at the back of it will be acafe, and in the extreme rear will be the baths. The two floors above will be devoted to ladies.

The bath apartment will consist of two rooms. The tub alcove will be tiled and walled with white marble. Adjoining will be a cony little sleeping room, with luxurious divans, mirrors, and all toilet accessories. The ladies will also have their smoking room, where they can sit swathed in sheets and puff away at cigarettes.

The tubs will hold about seventy quarts of milk, and at the current price this item alone amounts to over \$2\$. Then there will be other incidentals which will run the bill up to very nearly \$10\$. Will Bathe in Milk.

"How," he asked, "would you like to be shipwrecked upon some desert island with no human being but me to give you companionship?"
"Well," she replied, "a good deal would depend upon the size of the island. If it was as large as this room, for instance, and you could find a seat on the end farthest from me, I'm afraid it would be very lonesome." Ionesome."

After he had taken the easy chair and got her nicely settled, with her head against his heaving breast, he murmured:

"Ah. sweetest, isn't it nice to love as we do?"

"Yess," she answered, "but I'm sorry you didn't think of that island before."—Cleve land Leader.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

BUT A HANDRIL OF FRESH CATTLE IN-VERY LITTLE TRADING.

Hogs Active and Firmer-A Good Run for Saturday, but Offerings All Wanted-But Few Sheep In -Prices Steady.

Western receipts the past week: Cattle Receipts ..

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

41..... 571.... 3 70 . HOGS-Movements for the past 24 hours.

No. Dk. Av. Price. No. Dk. Av. Price 135 \$3.00 | \$7 ... 177 3.40 | 69 ... 212 3.50 50 20 215 3.35 85 ... 246 3.50 70 178 \$3 40 .. 237 3 45 20 115 3 20 .. 188 3 45 .. 262 3 55 .. 177 .. 212 80 215 SHEEP-Movements past 24 hours: Receipts

There were not enough in yesterday to test the market. What few on sale were disposed of early and brought steady prices, and, if here, more good sheep could have been placed at Friday's figures, and the market was quiet rather for the want of supplies than demand. REPRESENTATIVE SALES. 15 210 Texas feeders HORSES AND MULES Movements for the past 24 hours:

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Without Life but Prices, as a Rule. Held Stendy. Quotations below are for job lots. On small lots higher prices are asked and ob-tained, enough being asked to cover extra cost of caring for and filling them.

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BUTTER—Creamery is again lower, but country roll steady and in fair demand. Quotations are as follows: Creamery butter, extra fancy separator. Itc: firsts, 16c; dairy stock, fancy, 13c; fair, 19c; store packed, 8c; packing stock, steady, 6c; country roll, neatly packed, and sweet, 10c; choice, 9c; mussy, unwrapped stock, 798c.

EGGS—Steady, but slow sale. Strictly fresh Kansas and Missouri eggs, 11c per dozen. Southern eggs, 1c less.

POULTRY—Demand fair and prices steady. Dressed poultry sells slowly. Quoted: Hens, 565%c per pound; roosters, 13c each; springs, firm and wanted, at 6%c; coarse young roosters, 17½650c each; brollers, from 1½ to 2 pounds, 7c; capons, 569%c. Turkeys, hens, 8c; old gobblers, 6c; young gobblers, 7c. Ducks, 6½c. Geese, 5c. Pigeons, dull; practically no demand; nominally 75c per dozen.

BUTTERINE—We quote: Dairy grades, 11c; medium grades, 12c; high grade, 14½c; 1-pound rolls, bricks and prints, 1c over above prices; 2 and 2-pound rolls, 10 and 20-pound packages, ½c over above prices.

CHEESE—Dull. New York and Ohio full cream, 12c; Wisconsin fancy, full cream, 16c; light skim, 567c per pound; Herkimer, full cream, 12c; Young America, full cream, 1644611c.

POTATOES—Firmer, and best stock in fair demand. Quoted as follows: Home grown, 25c per bushel in a small way, 25c in bulk lots, 30635c; in a small way. Colorado Greeley stock, 60c in car lots, 65670c in a small way.

APPLES—Selling fairly and prices firm. Choice eating stock out of wagons, 655 foce, be on bashel; inferior, 20649c; cooking stock, 25635c; Ben Davis, dull, 40c; Wine Saps and Huntsman's Favorite, 80665c, according to quality; Huntsman's Favorite, 60675c per bushel for fancy stock; small supply Baldwins, \$1.0061.25 in car lots, and \$1.0061.25 in carbories, and

in car lots, and \$1.0061.75 in barrel lots, according to quality.

SWEET POTATOES—Market still quiet.
Good to choice, 25g35c per bushel; seed,
\$1,2561.50 per barrel.

FRUITS—California naveis are very firm and the supply is short. Lemons, new erop.
Sicily, fancy, \$1.50; choice, \$3.00 in a small way; California stock, \$1.5061.25 per box;
Mexican oranges, \$2.7563.00 per box;
California Ruby bloods, \$1.0063.25; California Ruby bloods, \$1.0063.25; California navels, fancy, \$3.5061.00; choice, \$2.563.50 in a small way; seedlings, fancy, \$2.50; choice, \$2.0062.25. Bananas, shipping, \$1.506
2.00; peddler stock, \$0.6631.20, Cranberries,
Cape Cod, fancy, \$6.7667.25 per barrel; \$1.75
per bushel box; Jersey, \$5.0065.50 per keg.
California and Texas tomatoes, \$2.25 per crate.

GAME-Ducks still weak and draggy. GAME—Ducks still weak and draggy. Prices of mallards and redheads are lower. Receipts of wild ducks continue heavy. Wild geese, \$3.5094.00 per dozen; curlew, \$1.50 per dozen. Salt water turties, on order, 10c pound. Ducks, canvasbacks, Northern, \$6.00; Southern, \$4.00; mellards, \$2.560; fordheads, \$2.509.50; teal, green wing, \$1.00; blue wing, \$1.50, and mixed, \$1.25 per dozen. Jackrabbits, \$2.505c; cottontails (drawn), 20630c for fresh stock. Shippers of game should not forget that official inspection of game in Kansas City is very rigid, and that anything like "off stock" is condamned by the local food inspector.

small lots, 50c per dozen; hazelnuts, 2½c per pound; pecans, Missouri, 566c per pound; Texas, 663c, according to size; pecans, polished, 6610c; Mexican pecans, 159c; peanuts, Virginia, white, raw, 466c per pound; Tennesse, raw, 465c; roasted, 6¼67c; Kansas, 2½c; hickory nuts (large shelibark), 85c61.00 per bushel; small Missouri stock, 55c per bushel; pinon nuts, 12618c per pound; butternuts, 75c per bushel.

VEGETABLES—Steady and in fair demand. Cabbage and onions are firm and command good prices. Cabbage, fancy, New York Holland, \$1.0061.75 per 109 pounds, red cabbage, \$2.50 per 100 pounds, Onions, scarce; flat, Globe, yellow, fancy, in 10-peck barrels, \$2.5062.75, or \$1.50 per bushel; Red Globe, \$1.5061.65. Beets, fancy, 40c per bushel; Bermuda beets, 75c per dozen bunches in a small way. Turaps, 20625c per bushel. Carrots, 25c per bushel. California celery, active; standard size, 20640c. Parsnips, 25620c per bushel. California cauliflower, 3 dozen in crate, \$2.00. Canadian rutabagas, 1c pound. Radishes (shipped), dull and without demand, 20640c per dozen bunches. Spinach continues dull 90c6\$1.00 per bushel. Salsity, 15c dozen, 2 dozen for 25c in a small way.

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WOOL-Steady, but slow sale. Missouri and similar—Fine, 6@8c; combing, 8@12c; coarse, 10@11c. Kansas, Nebraska and Indian Territory—Fine, 4@6c; tine medium, 5@8c; medium, 5@16c; coarse and carpet, 7@8c. Colorado—Fine, 6@8c; fine medium, 7@8c; medium, 8@10c; coarse and carpet, 7 @8c; extra heavy and sandy, 5@6c.

HIDES AND PELTS—Demand good and values still firm. Green and salted, free of brands, flat, per pound, No. 1, 7%c; No. 2, 6%c; free of brands, flat, 5%c; green salted, side branded, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; green salted kins, 15 to 25 pounds, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; green salted, calf, 8 to 15 pounds, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 7c; green, uncured, No. 1, 5%c. Sheep pelts, green, 25@30c; dry, 4@5c per pound.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 37.—WOOL—Steady. pound. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 27.—WOOL—Steady. Medium, 196104c; light fine, 74411c; heavy fine, 669c; tub washed, 156204c.

The market yesterday was steady and rere was a fair jobbing demand reported. But in car lots there was little trading under the influence of a weak specuative market.
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GREEN MEATS—Shoulders, \$4.10g4.25 per cwt.; hams, \$7.50g8.75.
LARD—Cash, \$3.75; February, \$3.75.
SWEET PICKLED MEATS—Hams, \$8.00
G8.75; shoulders, \$4.35g4.75.
D. S. MEATS—Shoulders, cash, \$4.15g4.20; long clear sides, \$4.15g4.20; short clear sides, \$4.25g4.30.

'COONS AND 'POSSUMS.

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From the New York Sun.

Henry Smith, a negro living on the Cole plantation in Gibson county, nas captured 121 'possums, since the opening of the season last September. He devotes every night to rambling through the woods with his dogs in quest of the luscious marsupual. Here are some of his observations on hunting 'coons and 'possums:

All 'possum and 'coon hunters have a lead dog, called the trailer. The trailer is the only dog of the pack that the hunter relies on to tree the animal. He never barks until he has found a hot trail, and when he yelps the hunter knows there is something in the tree close by, and when the trailer stops at the foot of a tree the hunt is almost over, for there is always a 'possum or 'coon above him.

The nocturnal hunts begin about the middle of September, when the mast is thick in the bottoms and the corn is not yet hard in the ear. The 'coon is far more wary than the 'possum, and it is much more difficult to catch him. A 'coon will run four or five miles on the ground and fences. He will take a tree, run up it some distance, and jump fifty or sixty feet, to throw the dogs off the scent and give him more time to escape. If he is a mile ahead of the dogs he will play around the tree. The dog is always confused at this tree, and has to circle around it many times to get his bearings. The 'coon generally leads the dog a

circie around it many times to get his bear-ings. The 'coon generally leads the dog a full half-mile, and 'coons escape oftener than they are captured. A 'coon will go through a field and then around it, to gain time before he makes his last run for

through a field and then around it, to gain time before he makes his last run for home.

Strange as it may seem, a 'possum can whip a 'coon, but a 'possum will never fight a dog, and it's a very sorry 'coon that cannot whip a dog. A male 'coon will often whip single-handed an entire pack of dogs, and then, as if thirsting for more, will attack the hunter if the latter tries to stop him. No matter how feroclous or powerful a dog may be, unless he is trained by years of experience, a full-grown 'coon will whip him on every occasion. When fighting a dog the 'coon lies flat on his back, and bites and scratches. His legs fly back and forth with the rapidity of lightning, and the razor-like claws cut the dog's nose and feet. The reason a 'possum can whip a 'coon (and they frequently fight in the bottoms) is that the 'possum gets a firm hold with his alligator-like teeth, and will not turn loose until the 'coon bleeds to death.

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The only way a trained dog can whip a 'ccon is to grab him by the throat and press his neck to the ground, choking him. The 'possum only snaris sullenly while the dogs are bitting and holding him. While a 'ccon is fighting dogs he squeals and yells incessantly, and the woods resound as if bedlam had broken loose. When a 'coon is in a hollow he only growls when punched, and woe unto the dog that tries enter the hollow after him. If it were not for the hunters with their axes the dogs would never dislodge a 'coon once he has gone into a hollow. When a 'coon runs several hundred yards on a fence a dog will lose the trail unless he is an old-timer. If the dog is the better sprinter the 'coon takes to a tree, and he always ensconces himself high up in the biggest tree in the woods. Sometimes, when exasperated, an old coon will suddenly leap from the tree squarely upon the back of the lead dog, and, after whipping the whole pack, calmly rest at the foot of a tree, while the dogs keep their distance. After resting himself the 'coon will make a rush again for the lead dog and thrash him the second time, and, unless the hunter comes up in time, he will often meet his dejected and bloody dogs, with heads hanging down, returning from the fray, completely whipped. 'Coons live together, sometimes as many as a dozen in one large tree, while 'possums rarely get together in more than twos. The 'possum goes in at the foot of a tree, while the 'coon wills in the middle of the stream for the hound and drowns him. A full-grown 'coon is always ready for a fight, and will go into a fray on any occasion, no matter how many dogs he has to fight.

SHE MAKES OBSERVATIONS. Methods Adopted by Men Who Expectorate in the Street Cars.

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From the Washington Star.

It was on a Georgetown car, coming down the avenue from the capitol. A stylish young matron and her friend were discussing some object in a very animated manner, when the young matron, stopping suddenly, gazed intently at a well dressed manner, when the young matron, stopping suddenly, gazed intently at a well dressed man sitting opposite her. Then she opened the tiny tablets in the back of her card case and began to jot down something.

"My dear Mrs. A. what on earth are you doing?" queried her friend. "Have you taken up literature, and given to catching ideas on the fly?"

"Oh. dear, no!" was the laughing rejoinder. "I have a new fad. I am making notes of the various places that a manings to spit. Not a desirable fad, but one that fascinates with its ugliness and that ramifies, I find. Now that man," speaking gravely, as though diagnosing his cadaver, and regardless of the fact that he could hear perfectly well what she was saying, "that man is well dressed, and evidently has some breeding, for he is ashamed to spit on the floor of the car, right in front of us; so he is making a cuspidore of the opening in the back of the seat where the window slides down when opened. Now, that is a perfectly new idea.

"Yesterday I was on the F street line, and a youth who was evidently just learning to chew, nearly broke his back trying to spit between his legs into the heater grating under the seat. He gave it up at last and took the quid out of his mouth and poked it into his pocket."

OF INTEREST TO STOCKMEN

NO MORE AMERICAN PORK FOR FRENCH ARMY OR NAVY.

Cattle Raisers' Association Will Hold Its Twenty-first Annual Convention at San Antonio, Tex.,

March 9-Personals.

Paris, Feb. 17.-In the chamber of depu ties to-day the premier, M. Meline, replying to a question on the subject, denied that the crisis in the pork trade of France was due to imports of American pork. It was useless, therefore, he added, to increase the import duties on American pork. The crisis, he explained, was due to French overproduction, and he would see that home pork hereafter be used in the French

Preparations are being made for a grand gathering of cattlemen at San Antonio, Tex., on the occasion of the twenty-first annual meeting of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, which convenes there March 2. The advance in range cattle the past season from \$2 to \$4\$ per head has put new life and confidence in the ranch business and the above meeting is expected to bring together the largest number of cattlemen that have met for some years.

T. F. McDonald, of Foster, McDonald & Blair, got back yesterday from a trip through Saline and Ottawa counties, Kas. He says he saw a world of corn and it is selling at only \$610c per bushel. There will be a good many cattle and hogs from those counties for the summer market. It is estimated that there are \$0,000 Western cattle alone in the two counties, and they are doing well, and as there is no end of roughness, and corn without end, everything may be expected to come to market fat. In Saline county the number of cattle is claimed to be the same as last year, while Ottawa county cialms 2,000 more, Yet there are no cattle for sale, but feeders and stockers are still being shipped in from elsewhere.

The bulk of sales of hogs on this market yesterday were \$1.562.50, against \$2.57, \$2.52\forall the same day last year. The top cattle here February 25 were \$5.00, the same day last year, \$1.00. Preparations are being made for a grand

Visitors at the Yards With Stock.

J. P. Fall, Butler, Mo., came in yesterday Rogers & Murtha, Guthrie, O. T., had in Tuttle & Sawyer, Chickasha, I. T., had in logs yesterday.
Earl Beardsley, Talala, I. T., was in yesterday with hogs. Themas Dixon, Junetion City, Kas., had in bogs yesterday.

T. V. Howe, Chapman, Kas., was here yesterday with hogs.

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D. S. Young, Burlington, Kas., came in with cattle and hogs.
George McDaniel, Osawatomie, Kas., was in yesterday with hogs.
Rogers & Blanchard, Bennington, Kas., had in hogs yesterday.
George Tamm, Downs, Kas., was at the yards yesterday with hogs.
R. J. Rogers, Roper, Kas., was here yesterday with cattle and hogs.
H. Mahnken & Co., Concordia, Kas., were H. Mahnken & Co., Concordia, Kas., were on the yards yesterday with hogs. Frank Hobart, Glen Elder, Kas., was at the yards yesterday with hogs.

W. H. McGregor, Washington, Kas., was on the yards yesterday with hogs. A. J. Tilzey, Elberon, Kas., was on the yards yesterday with cattle and hogs.

Exhibition to Show the Many Uses to Which It May Be Put.

Which It May Be Put.

A remarkable exposition opened in Madison Square garden in New York last week, an exposition of gas. It is designed to do gas interests what the electrical exhibition in New York city last spring did for the electrical interests, to illustrate the present progress and the wonderful variety of uses to which gas is now put.

The Madison Square exposition, aside from showing everything that is new in the way of improvements for the manufaces and appliances los impressions moids after type impressions and of engines and appliances for its using paper molds after type impuriating offices; melting rinc metals and making gaskets in work; drying and pressing felture leather in gleve factories.

printing offices; melting gishes in electrical work; drying and pressing felt hats; ironing leather in glave factories; brazing in bicycle factories; heating tar in breweries; heating laundry irons and finishing rolls; japanning and soldering, shrinking tires on locomotives and other wheels; heating rolls for finishing silk and push for enameling, hair drying, ripening bananas, in photographic work, in incubators and no end of similar things.

Considered merely as a spectacle and a show, the exposition will be brilliant in the extreme. Its piece de resistance, as its managing director would say, will be a wonderful tower of gas and glass and iron, which will stand in the center of the hall. It will be sixty feet in height, with a diameter of twenty feet at its base.

Over 3,000 open jets will glow and glisten from countless prisms, and spaced here and there row after row of incandescent gas lamps will add to the brilliancy of the effect.

The cost of the tower will probably exceed \$25,000, and it is designed not merely for exhibition at this time, but as the contribution of the American gas interests to the Parls world's fair of 1900.

A few years ago, when electricity seemed likely to sweep everything before it in its rapid and victorious advance, there was many a prediction that at a not distant day gas would cease to be made. It is a rather remarkable commentary that in just this period gas making and using has undersone almost as great a revolution as electricity itself.

Furthermore, the consumption of gas has steadily increased, and in his late address before the St. Louis convention President Humphreys, of the Gas Light Association, estimated this increase at something like \$00 per cent in the last five years.

There are something like fifty gas engine makers in the uniteh States, and their product is being rapidly introduced. The engines are made, and are now running in England, of as high as \$00 horse power.

Roughly estimated, the best types of steam engine in practice converts about 10 per cent of it



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